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Historical Society Annual Dinner

The Northfield Historical Society will hold its annual dinner at the Bronson Inn on Tuesday, March 2. The theme for the Historical Society this year is to be "History in the Making in the Connecticut Valley." Dr. Bronson and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Parker will give different phases of this general topic. More details will be announced at a later date.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(A note to the Northfield Press will include your meetings in the Calendar of Events).

- Feb. 14 St. Valentine's Day.
- Feb. 16 The Unitarian Evening Alliance "brush party" at 8 in the vestry.
- Grange party in Grange Hall at 8 p.m.
- Boy Scouts meet.
- Feb. 17 The Unitarian Young Adult Group meets at 8 for a card party.
- Feb. 20 Fortnightly meeting at 3. Two one-act plays.
- Movies at Town Hall.
- Feb. 23 Boy Scouts meet.
- Feb. 24 Grange meets.
- Feb. 26 The Girl Scouts will hold a "scout party" in the Congregational Church at 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 27 Movies at Town Hall.
- March 2 The Northfield Historical Society Annual dinner at the Bronson Inn.

New Election To be Held in March

For the first time in 22 years a tie vote has necessitated a special election which will be held on Monday, March 15. A three year term on the School Committee is at stake with Marian C. Billings and Lillian G. Wells as the participants in this extraordinary runoff.

It is always a possibility that this will not be a two way race for other candidates may enter the field, if of course, they file the proper nomination papers. In any case it should be an interesting race and there is no reason why another record should not be cast.

Time of voting will be announced later as will the time for registration of new voters.

Sunday Evening Club

The Sunday Evening Club met in the Vestry of the Congregational Church for a corn chowder supper.

The good-sized gathering then had the pleasure of seeing Dr. Dean's motion pictures of his California trip with his wife and Mr. and Mrs. George Pfefferle.

Along with the motion pictures Dr. Dean had a number of extraordinarily beautiful still pictures, also in color, of the grandeur of the Parks in the Far West.

Those who have not seen these pictures should take the next opportunity to see them for they will see films of a professional caliber.

The committee in charge of serving the light supper was headed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes, with Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Whitney, Miss Sophie Servaes and Mrs. Gerald Quigley assisting.

St. James Services

During Lent there will be the usual services at St. James Episcopal Church in Greenfield for members of the Parish which includes residents of Northfield.

Services begin on Ash Wednesday with the penitential office and communion at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Sunday Holy Communion will be at 8 a.m., followed at 9:45 by church school and service. On Wednesdays Communion will be at 10 a.m. with evening service at 7:30 p.m. and on Fridays, morning prayer and litany at 10 a.m. with children's service at 3:30.

During Holy Week and Easter, services are scheduled for every day and will be announced later. The rector, Rev. John B. Whiteman will follow through with a series of sermons.

Evangelism will be the keynote for this year's services.

Mrs. Leon Starkey

Information was received by friends here of the death of Mrs. Leon Starkey on Saturday January 31 at her home in Tewksbury. With her late husband they were residents in Northfield for many years, at Northfield Farms and later at South Vernon. He had followed the work of a painter and had been employed by many residents. The funeral was held the following Tuesday in Brattleboro and burial was in Christ church cemetery at Guilford. She leaves one son, Stillman Starkey of Springfield; two brothers and three grandchildren.

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Fortnightly Meeting

The next Fortnightly meeting will be on February 20 at 3 p.m. in Alexander Hall. A cast of club members will present two one-act plays under the direction of Mrs. Robert Abbott.

Tea Hostesses for the after will be Mrs. Harvey Jack, Mrs. Ernest Kirmann, Mrs. David Hammond and Miss Natalie Gowan.

Town Topics

Miss Joan Stewart, granddaughter of the Gregors of Rustic Ridge, now a senior in the Northfield School for Girls, will be the guest of a junior at Dartmouth College for the Winter Carnival February 13-15. An outdoor evening on Friday night, a hockey game with Yale Saturday morning, a basketball game that night and a formal ball will be part of the week-end program.

Warm Music on Below-Zero Night

More than fifty people braved below-zero weather to attend the monthly P.T.A. meeting at Alexander Hall on Monday evening, for which effort they were rewarded with a most excellent musical program.

The business meeting took up the early part of the evening with reports of various committees being heard.

The report of the Basketball committee elicited comment and a discussion was held on the findings of the committee, and more definite action was promised within ten days.

Mrs. Gerald Quigley was named Legislative Chairman for the P.T.A.

Mrs. Edward Benney announced that she has a list of baby-sitters, but these sitters will only sit on P.T.A. meeting nights.

The musical program followed with an accordion solo by Mrs. Carleton Holton opening the program and her "La Golandrina" and "Tango of the Roses" being well received.

Mrs. Virginia Haack and Mrs. Marian L. Goodspeed then played several piano duet arrangements and were recalled for an encore. Two fine talents merged into an excellent demonstration of musical skill.

Mrs. Jennie Warnock, accompanied by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor, then whistled several solo selections. One can only wonder at the high level of excellence displayed by Mrs. Warnock in this rare type of musical technique for only when seen and heard can it be properly appreciated.

Mrs. Martha Lopez, accompanied by Mrs. Robert N. Taylor, sang several selections delightfully.

Mrs. Robert Barnes played two piano selections, with her own arrangement of "Mighty Lak a Rose" closing the program, lovely music skillfully and effortlessly played.

The cold night was warmer following the musical program.

The Committee included Mrs. Philip Mann, Sr., Mrs. L. Martin, Mrs. E. Parker, Mrs. C. Cochran, Mrs. L. Stebbins, Mrs. K. Leach and Mrs. G. Buffum.

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NORTHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

HONOR ROLL

December and January
Grade 7: High (all A's), Janet Dean, Second (A's and B's), Marion Berliand, Beverly Bolton, Roseanna Lavalley, Rosemarie Lavalley, George Sheldon.
Grade 8: (High), Phyllis Hartford, Jacquelyn Jewett; (Second), Pearl Barber, Patricia Brown, Annette Clark, Eleanor Fisher, Alma Gillespie, Richard Rikert, Ruth Sheldon.
Grade 9: (Second), Ethelyn Berry, Marjorie Clough, Faith Fisher, Janet Mankowsky.
Grade 10: (High), Edgar Parker; (Second), Chester Gaida, June Randall.
Grade 11: (Second), Albert Clough.
Grade 12: (High), Ralph Lyons; (Second), Blanche Duda, Ruth Holton, Julia Ladzinski.

Selectmen Organize

Immediately following the annual town meeting and their election to office, the Selectmen met on Friday evening, Feb. 6, and organized with Ernest A. Parker as chairman. The other selectmen, George W. Carr and George A. Sheldon, will continue with the supervision of their departments which they had last year.

At the regular meeting held last Tuesday evening, there was considerable routine business transacted, the most important of which was designating Monday, March 15 for a special election for the office of school committee. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 8 o'clock in the evening.

The special election ordered is caused by the fact that the two candidates, Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Wells, received each 239 votes, which was a tie.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born Feb. 27, 1807.

Rev. Dr. Gates Dies



REV. DR. HERBERT W. GATES

Rev. Herbert Wright Gates, D.D., a prominent worker in the many fields of the Congregational Church, died at his home in Newton Center, Sunday, Feb. 8.

He was a retired secretary of the Congregational Education Society and connected with the various efforts of the Religious Educational movements. For many years he spent a portion of his time each summer in Northfield, where he was active as the leader and dean of the Northfield Conference of Religious Education. He was well known here and had many friends in all religious denominations.

He was a graduate of Amherst, of Chicago Theological Seminary and studied at the Universities of Leipzig and Halle. He located in Boston in 1920. In the field of Religious Education his work was continuous and earnest and much of the credit for the splendid success of the Northfield Religious Education Conference is due to his interest.

Scholarship Honors

Students at Mount Hermon School were awarded scholarship honors this week for the third marking period of the year and those receiving this honor residing in Northfield are as follows: Carl A. Frankenberg, son of Mrs. Virginia Frankenberg; Ralph S. Barrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Barrows; Robert Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Barnes; David S. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Powell; E. Lynn Partridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Partridge. Congratulations are in order for these young men.

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In this issue *The Press* begins a new feature under the heading "Colonial Chronicles." This column will carry stories and accounts of the original settlers and the subsequent lives and history of their descendants. This column will try to supply hitherto unpublished accounts of the history of Northfield and its people.

Material is now being contributed by the Northfield Historical Society and interested citizens. If you have some unusual material send it to *The Press*.

A community so rich in history, story and legend should make every attempt to preserve it for all time.

This year as the name of Lincoln is on every tongue and new bits of Lincolnia appear in the newspapers and magazines my thoughts turn to another American who died a year ago.

Not famous, but insignificant in the light of Lincoln.

Not acclaimed, but forgotten.

Not erudite and skilled in rhetoric, but silent.

Lincoln's reward—immortality.

The other American's reward—death.

This American I write of is not alone, he is one of many who have played, and do play, an anonymous role in the greatness of America.

His span of life was of silence and strength. His work long and hard.

His weaknesses are forgotten—only his memory remains.

His roots were not in America long, but all he had power to give he gave without stint or hope for acclaim.

He aspired to nothing, yet he carved his niche and there he remains a fractional part of the country that was his home.

This American? My father.

These words—my tribute.

U. H.

UNWELCOME GUEST

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POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

FERNS

The ferns beside the path spread broad green perfect fronds, and as I passed
Promised to bear the burden of my life.

I doubted their support, noting the seeming slightness of their lives,
But as I questioned they grew strong, dependable,

As with endurance to suffice for all the world's deep woe.

When I had left the path and come upon the road again
I found my burden had been left where ferns beside the path

lifted their green and succoring fronds.

SOLITUDE

The sunlight I share with many, the storm is mine alone.

Mine the silent enclosing whiteness, mine the pure whiteness beneath my feet.

As the water of ocean hides the path of the ship so are my footprints hidden by the snow.

No one shall know where I passed. I may close my eyes and go forward in safety.

I shall not be met.

Mine alone is the storm.

The day belongs to many, the night is mine alone.

Mine the silent enclosing darkness, mine the illimitable roof shining with stars.

Howsoever far I wander I am not seen and nothing hinders the passage of my thought to remotest spaces.

Mine alone is the night.

(The above poems are from the book "Sea Level" by Sylvia H. Bliss. Permission to re-print was granted by the author.)

Now Grandparents

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Parker B. Holloway of Madison, N. J., who for the past 14 years have been summer residents of East Northfield with a cottage on Rustic Ridge, are now "Grandpa" and "Grandma" Holloway.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peter Kurilinski (Mrs. Kurilinski is their oldest daughter, Jean Lee) announce the birth of a son, John Parker Kurilinski, on Jan. 17.

"Grandpa" Holloway was cutting his own birthday cake when the phone came through from Buckhannon, W. Va., bringing the good news. Jean Lee "grew up" on the Ridge.

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RANDOM NOTES ABOUT BOOKS

The novel by Truman Capote "Other Voices, Other Rooms" is selling at the rate of 700 copies a day. Which should give this "poor man's Thomas Wolfe" enough cash to buy a new vest, get a haircut and have a picture taken sitting up.

"Raintree County" by Ross Lockridge is also being compared to the works of Thomas Wolfe. The book is also compared with "Gone With the Wind" and "Anthony Adverse." The book should be eagerly sought by all readers.

As Thomas Wolfe seems to be the gauge for judging all new authors, perhaps it would be wise if we were to begin at the beginning and read Thomas Wolfe.

Thornton Wilder has a new book coming out on February 18, "The Ides of March." This book is already the "Book-of-the-Month" for March. In 1935 Mr. Wilder said he was abandoning the novel form, this book is regarded as a novel.

A new novel by the English author Gerald Kerah, "The Song of the Flea" is being readied for spring release.

A program of hosting, including colored movies, was presented to the Northfield Grange by Bill Nelson, office manager at headquarters, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 10. The pictures showed hosting activities in New England, and followed some of the long summer trips across Canada, into Mexico and "down under" for skiing and biking in eight countries of South America.

Ida Sheldon writes that she is nicely situated in Caanan, Conn., working part time at the Knickerbocker Hotel; the hotel is managed by another former AYH staff member, Bobbie Pascoe Sherwood.

Ralph Shindler has joined the staff as assistant bookkeeper, and will act as right hand man to Al Wilson, the accountant. Ralph hails from Rosalie, Washington, and came to New England a couple of years ago; his wife and two children are living at her home in Claremont, N. H. Ralph has found a place to live, through the efforts of a former schoolmate, Roy Fish, and will be moving his family down around the first of March.

William Bradford was the early governor of Plymouth Colony which later was absorbed by Massachusetts Bay Colony. This manuscript is the basis of a modern interpretation, well worth reading, by George Willison, SAINTS AND STRANGERS, 1945. (This book is available at the Dickinson Memorial Library). The "Saints" were those of Scrooby, England and the Leyden, Holland, congregations; while the "Strangers" were those who joined them because the Merchant Adventurers, from whom the money for the Atlantic passage had been borrowed, had encouraged them to cast their lot with the "Saints."

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The number one book under general classification is still John Gunthers "Inside U. S. A." and in the fiction department Marcia Davenport "East Side, West Side" has jumped into the lead over "House Divided" by Ben Ames Williams.

According to the "New York Times" best seller list "The Garretson Chronicle" has dropped from 7th to 9th in popular favor. All in all the year 1947 showed a 19% increase over the previous year in the output of new books.

U. H.

COLONIAL CHRONICLES

History in the Making in Northfield

This is the 275th year since the first settlement of Northfield, or Squakeag, in 1673. THE NORTHFIELD PRESS has requested of the Northfield Historical Society a series of articles covering local history. Some of our inhabitants recall the commemoration of 25 years ago. Some may have read one or all of the town histories: Temple and Sheldon's including genealogies in 1876; Mr. A. P. Pitt's ALL ABOUT NORTHFIELD in 1910; and Mr. Herbert Parson's PURITAN OUTPOST in 1937, (the year of Moody's centennial). These authors are no longer with us and their books are fast running out of print, growing scarcer, and increasing in value. Loyalty to one's town is increased by a vivid knowledge of its past, its hardships, its importance; in brief, by a consciousness of our indebtedness to our predecessors. It is fitting that, along with current events, we refresh our memories again, or read for the first time about Northfield.

Let us become isolationists, it is well to realize, as it is suggested by the title "The Puritan Outpost," that Northfield as a white settlement was but a portion of the whole New England Puritan immigration that commenced in the decade of the 1630's. That such immigration could be possible had been proved by the very faithful and decidedly venturesome Pilgrims who settled Plymouth in 1620 amidst almost unsurmountable hardships. To them we owe the institution of Thanksgiving Day and the Congregational Church. Just what life was like for these Pilgrim founding fathers and mothers was somewhat a mystery for a long period. It was rediscovered nearly a century ago in London in a manuscript known as Bradford's HISTORY OF PLIMOTH PLANTATION, occasionally quoted by early writers, however lost from Boston in the Revolution. 1948 is the 50th anniversary of the gift of this manuscript to Massachusetts upon request and the second publishing of it.

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THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

To the Editor:

It is now more than forty years since I last read John Fiske's serviceable and suggestive text book "Civil Government in the United States." Ever since then I have had a strong desire to attend one of those famous New England Town Meetings which Fiske so vividly portrays. Hence, when I learned that the Town of Northfield was to hold its annual meeting I made due haste to attend, leaving my usual chores to a more convenient time.

The Town of Northfield with me has always been a justly famous place. I have always regarded it as the religious capital of the coun-

try. As a young man I attended the Conference for college students and always read avidly the printed sermons that were sent from here to my home in the Big City. Now, when I occasionally visit the City and tell my friends that I am living in Northfield, they say "Where the heck is that and who lives there besides you and the esquimaux?" There is no point or sense in trying to tell a city "slicker" about your wonderful home in the country, so I merely try to laugh it off, and when they come back with a quick quizzical question, "Is there a golf course there?" I exclaim, "Come and see."

But getting back to what I started to say. In spite of my early start, the Town Meeting was in full swing when I soft pedaled into the meeting hall. The Moderator was reading an article having to do with spending money on Town im-

provements, etc. The proceedings went off like a well oiled machine. They actually purred — with a scotch burr. Everybody with few exceptions seemed to be for everything, because evidently all recommendations had been carefully screened and squeezed by the Finance Committee. The latter must be a pretty hard-boiled lot the kind country folk like, and in whom they appear to have the utmost confidence.

At one point in the proceedings it looked as if the anglers were to be the forgotten men. No one seemed willing to move expenditure of \$200 for stocking the local streams. Finally the Moderator exclaimed, "If you want your fish you had better come and get them." Thereupon some modest friend of the fisherman moved the motion and a friend of the friend inaudibly seconded the motion, and the fish were saved, or perhaps we should say relieved, for now the fish face the hook of the angler and not of the Town Meeting.

When the fishy question was disposed of and the Moderator began to tire of standing in one place and his voice was moderating to a whisper the meeting was recessed for lunch in the basement. The local Grangers put on the lunch, such as only they can.

It was during this delightful period that I expressed to friends my disappointment that the "fireworks" which I had expected were missing. I really expected to see a good old-fashioned knock-down and drag-out fight, at least here and there, but nothing of the kind occurred. As one commentator said, "You should have been here forty years ago, then you'd have seen the fireworks but now the people are more civilized."

I was obviously disappointed and when after the short afternoon session the Meeting was declared adjourned, I thought, "Maybe John Fiske is out of date." Methinks I shall have to move to a more catankerous town, where fireworks are not banned or better still wait for the Fourth of July.

Did I hear someone say, "Wait until NEXT year." —Historically Enlightened.

WIRE LINES BY ROCKET
The Fort Dix, New Jersey Signal Section reports successful use of rockets in laying lightweight field telephone wire over inaccessible terrain by means of an improved type wire dispenser.

ALFALFA JUICE

A method of concentrating the feed value in alfalfa has been developed by research workers. Alfalfa juice is extracted and then dried so the powder can be mixed in livestock or poultry feeds.

OVER THE GARDEN WALL

If you like novelties in your flowers, the catalogs are showing two exciting things in pink this spring, a pink delphinium and a pink mullien.

While you are poring over your catalog collection for spring seed ordering, give a thought to "planting for pictures." Some of the combinations that have been suggested are—dark blue petunias before snapdragons of mixed or separate colors, a pink sweet william with early white phlox, columbines before "bare-legged" foxgloves or behind Jersey Gem violets, or against a pink climbing rose, delphinium and baby's breath, yellow tulips and blue forget-me-nots and cymossum with pink shirley poppies. This list could go on for a long, long time but I'm sure you get the idea and have your own favorites. All these make fine opportunities for the camera fan with a roll of colored film.

I've heard of two cases where tiny grasshoppers are hatching out in flower pots in the sunny windows of indoor gardeners. Spring can't be far away. Less than four weeks to the first of March!

You know you can plant petunia seeds by now, in sifted soil of course, with sifted charcoal dust for the covering of the seeds, and the pot set into a bowl of water so the seeds will never dry out. Petunias are very tricky to germinate if you let them get dry, I find.

Now I know that spring is on the way—school children are at the door with the little green boxes of seeds!

HAZEL ANDREWS

TOWN TOPICS

John L. Grandin, Jr., of Boston, who is well known here as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools, has been named as chairman of the special gifts committee for the 1948 greater Boston Red Cross membership drive.

The Republican Town Committee of Northfield will hereafter consist of 12 members, according to a decision made at the recent meeting of the committee and filed with the Republican State Committee and the Secretary of State Frederick W. Cook.

The Post Office Department was organized by Congress Feb. 20, 1792.

CHURCH NOTES

TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister
10 a. m. Church School and Young People's Forum.

11 a. m. Worship. First Sunday in Lent. First in a series of sermons on "Great Lenten Texts": "He Brought Him to Jesus." Nursery for pre-school age children.

6:30 p. m. Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Irwin Severance, Jr. will lead the devotional service. Miss Sophie Servaes will be guest and speaker.

The Friendly Class will meet on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Gerald Quigley, Main street.

The Women's Guild will have an all-day sewing meeting on Tuesday. Bring your lunch, beverage will be furnished.

The February Brotherhood supper will be served on Tuesday at 6:30. W. W. Sanderson will speak on the subject, "My Reactions as a Former Army Officer to Proposed Universal Military Training."

UNITARIAN CHURCH
Rev. Hazel Roger Greider, Minister

10 a. m. Church School. Services under the direction of Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent. Classes for all ages.

11 a. m. Church Service and sermon. Anthem Choir. Children's story, "Where Love Is, There God Is Also." Adult sermon, "A Lenten Reminder."

7:30 p. m. The American Unitarian Youth Group will meet for a discussion on "What Can We Do to Improve Our Town?"

On Monday, Feb. 16, the Evening Alliance will hold a brush party in the vestry. All those interested are very welcome. On Tuesday, Feb. 17, the Young Adult Group will have a card party in the vestry, at 8 p. m. All between the ages of 20-45 are welcome.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor
This is Education Sunday.

10:30 a. m. The sermon will be "Character Education."

11:30 a. m. Sunday School.
6 p. m. Young People's meeting.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday mid-week service.

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NEW CITIZENS

At Franklin County Public Hospital, Feb. 9, a daughter, Carol Linda, to Mr. and Mrs. Percy R. Deane; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Field and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Deane of Barnardston.

When Byron Was a Swimmer

The historic waterway formed by the Dardanelles (Hellespont) which the English poet Byron is said to have swum across, the Sea of Marmora and the Bosphorus divide Turkey into two land divisions, European and Asiatic Turkey. For the most part European Turkey is an undulating flat country except for the Istrandja mountain range facing the Black sea, where the altitude reaches 3,000 feet. The only stream of any importance is the Ergene, a tributary of the Maritza river. Neither of these streams is navigable. Turkey in Asia, or Anatolia as the Turks call it, is bounded by the Black sea, the Dardanelles and the Sea of Marmora, on the north, the Aegean sea on the west. To the south is the Mediterranean sea, Syria and Iraq. On the east Turkey borders Iran and the U.S.S.R. (Russia). Central Anatolia may be described as a series of tablelands varying in altitude from 2,000 feet in the west to 5,000 feet in the east.

"Shavings" Plays to Capacity Audience

The Northfield Players presented a three-act play, "Shavings," by Pauline Phelps and Marion Short at the Town Hall on Feb. 10 and 11.

The play centered around the town windmill maker and whittler, Jed Winslow, called "Shavings" by the townsfolk.

Into his littered shop came the young and old of the town with their problems and troubles and the kindly "Shavings" helped them all. Young lovers found one another and old enemies walked down the street together, but absent-minded "Shavings" was left with his memories and whittlings.

Donald B. Finch, as "Shavings" had an actor's field day before the capacity house on Tuesday night. Mr. Finch gave the part humor and kindness and it was through his efforts principally that the audience found many occasions for laughter.

Hubert J. Eastman, as Capt. Hunnwell, and Edwin M. Stevens, as "Gabe," furnished the rest of the comic relief, with Gerald M. Goggin as the "efficiency salesman" and Lawrence M. Hammond as "the hardware man" helping with the laughs. Mr. Eastman's characterization did not betray the fact that this was his first appearance on the stage.

Beryl M. Stimson and John S. Hammond along with Esther M. Leonard and George M. Leonard added the love interest to the play.

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SAT 21
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SUN 22
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As a public official of the Commonwealth which gave America its first weekly newspaper, the "Boston News Letter," published in 1704, I should like to point out the weekly newspaper's importance to readers, advertisers and the general public.

It is of particular significance that today (Jan. 17) is the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, born in Boston in 1706. Franklin was a great statesman. But also he was a printer and an editor of a Massachusetts weekly newspaper.

I believe his stature as a statesman was increased because he ran a weekly paper. From this experience he knew what people were most interested in and how to explain public questions clearly.

The newspaper profession has contributed other important figures in government. Senator Vandenberg and Speaker Joe Martin are newspapermen. Theodore Roosevelt was an editorial writer. The two statesmen who led the European Allies during the First World War—Lloyd George of Britain and Clemenceau of France—both made their living as newspaper writers. Winston Churchill, whose matchless prose kept the soul of Britain alive in the dark days of the war, was a newspaper columnist. So was "Cal" Coolidge, after he left the White House.

Printer's ink is big business in Massachusetts. State records show that last year the printing and publishing industry employed nearly 13,000 persons with an annual pay-roll of nearly 29 million dollars. Photo-engraving, stereotyping and allied industries added half a million dollars to the pay-roll. The weekly press is a substantial factor in the publishing field.

Freedom of the press is more than freedom from the heavy hand of government, although in over half of the world even this freedom is lost. Freedom of the press also means publication of unbiased news and fair treatment in news columns.

Centuries ago it was said in Galilee: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Never were those words of wisdom more appropriate than in today's topsy-turvy. Our American freedom depends on knowing the truth. The heralding of that truth depends largely on the publishing business. One of the most efficient mediums for news and advertising appeal is the weekly press.

A recent analysis by Crossley, Inc., reveals that 23 out of every one hundred families in the United States take weekly newspapers. One half of the total families of

America live in municipalities of 10,000 population or under. Three-fifths of this half are reached by weekly newspapers. Many thriving weeklies also are found in Bay State suburban areas.

In Massachusetts today are approximately 136 bona fide weeklies with an average circulation of 1500. Those in more populated areas have circulations running up to 8000. Newspaper statisticians estimate that the total circulation of weekly papers in the United States is about 15 million—an audience of tremendous size, importance and buying capacity.

But the pulling power of the weekly newspaper in Massachusetts rests on more than circulation. Unread newspapers are merely suitable as contributions to a Boy Scout scrap paper drive. The great strength of the weekly is that its contents are thoroughly read. A big city daily may be snatched because of a banner headline or a cheese cake picture. But the weekly and the local daily are read from cover to cover by nearly every family.

News is timely information that most interests the most readers—the more unexpected and the nearer home, the more important the news. To the average person an item about himself is more important than the news of a famine costing a million lives in far off India. The weekly paper can supply this human desire to see one's name in print. It can tell the reader what he most wants to know about the happenings in his immediate circle.

Such detailed presentation of the local picture means full attention by almost every reader—as all editors know to their sorrow whenever the composing room makes a typographical error which sends readers into howls of laughter. Attention means newspaper power—power to attract the eye to both the news, advertisements and the editorials.

But subjects other than personal and community events also are of keen interest to any reader. A fact which touches a subscriber personally may have its birthplace far beyond the borders of his town. The last war, in theory, was an international issue. But it was a local issue to the mothers and wives and sweethearts of the fourteen million boys who went away. As the result of some Beacon Hill extravagance you may have to pay more taxes. That which affects your own pocket-book is very much local news.

The modern Massachusetts weekly recognizes this broader scope of news. It still runs all the

local news that is fit to print. But its editors today realize that geography is not the only measure of local interest. The importance of an item to the reader also is a test of news values.

The American democracy is in the hands of the electorate. The voter picks the officials and voices opinions which influence their actions. This tremendous power lodged with free citizens makes it imperative that the public shall be informed adequately. Otherwise its judgment will be bad. It will be the prey of Claghorns, crackpots and political fakery. Its officials will be pushed into doing things that land us all behind the eight ball.

So, although democracy is in the hands of the electorate, the electorate is in the hands of the newspapers. For if the newspapers do not give the public the facts and wise editorial guidance, the public in ignorance may drive the Ship of State on the rocks.

That responsibility does not rest alone on the metropolitan press with its vast circulation. It rests fully as much on the weekly press with its superior readership.

A recent pilot study made by the Advertising Research Foundation proves how thoroughly the average reader pores over his local paper. It made a scientific, door-to-door survey of a weekly with a circulation of 3600. Its discoveries are very reassuring to every weekly editor and to his advertising manager.

The canvassers found that on the whole, men read more general news stories and editorials. But women were not far behind in their interest in these two departments. The highest percentage winner with both men and women was an article about a French bride visiting town. Second place went to an item about a local girl leaving for Germany.

But news about government rated third place with both sexes. Third place among men went to an

article about the state primary elections. Third place among women went to a story about the local school superintendent.

Eighty-nine per cent of men and 93 per cent of women read the first page. But the middle of the paper also had a surprisingly high readership—81 per cent of both sexes. Ninety-three per cent of all men and women reported that they had read one or more of the 74 advertisements and 15 sections of classified advertising.

Massachusetts weekly newspapers are built on a solid foundation. In recent years the number has remained fairly intact. With the aid of G. I. Ionsas some veterans have bought out going concerns. Prospects for obtaining large orders for local and national advertising seem bright.

But I am sure that the overwhelming majority of Bay State newspapermen are interested in more than the cash register. Their aim is to make their home town interesting and thereby stimulate progress. Whenever you find a town without community spirit or local pride, you nearly always discover that it also lacks a local paper.

The home town weekly is the cracker-barrel of debate and the custodian of the New England conscience. It spurs competition and acclaim merit. It is the album of memories and the link with those away. It changes strangers into neighbors. An entertaining gossip, warm-hearted friend and wise counselor, it is welcomed at every fireside and in return gives more than it receives.

Modern conditions impose an added obligation on our weekly press. Its readers have more time and more inclination to read its contents thoroughly than those of big city publications. Because the world is in turmoil and confusion and is threatened by Communist enemies of a free and truthful press, the necessity of editorial guidance and unbiased information

is greater than ever before.

We need the freedom of the press to safeguard our political freedom and to encourage the revival of freedom abroad. We need the freedom of the press to keep men's minds free, so that neither prejudice nor tyranny can ever destroy the spirit that makes America the hope of all mankind.

West Northfield

World Day of Prayer will be observed by the Advent Christian Church on Feb. 13. The program will be sponsored by the W. H. and F. M. Society with services in the Vernon Home at 2.30 p. m. and at the church at 7.45.

The Connecticut Valley Bible Conference is now holding meetings in this area. Services at the Advent Christian Church will be held Tuesday, Feb. 17 at 10.30 a. m., from 1.30 to 4 and at 7.30 in the evening.

The Rev. Lennis H. Mitchell, pastor of the Advent Christian Church of Springfield, will show a sound film, "Youth for the Kingdom," at the South Vernon Advent Christian Church on Feb. 20 at 7.30 p. m. The program will be sponsored by the Loyal Workers Society and everyone is welcome. There will be a free will offering.

The Rev. Mr. Mitchell has bought this movie equipment at his own expense for use at the Palmer Camp Ground, and the churches in this area. He is interested in audio-visual education and shows these films as a public service. Rev. Mr. Mitchell was well received at the Fellowship meeting last month.

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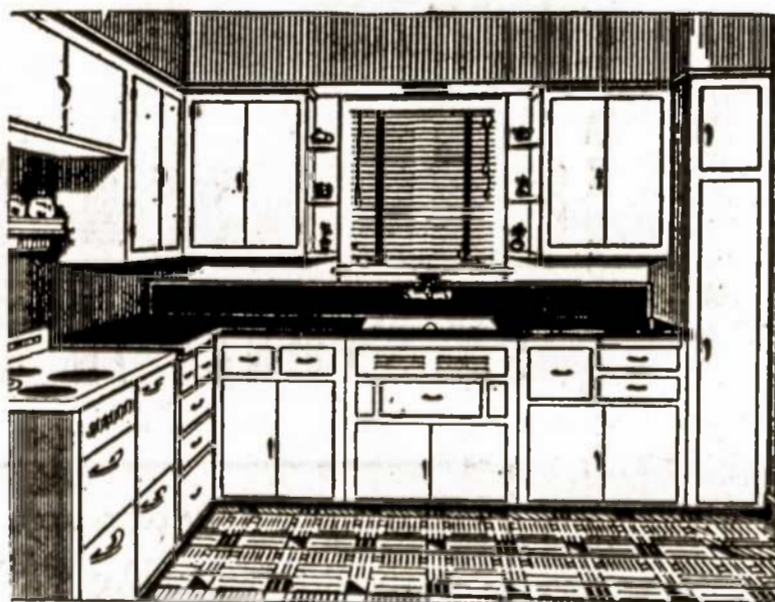
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